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EXTERNAL CONCEALMENT FLAPS

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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,283,183 to Cooper (2001). This patent discloses relocating standard organizer functions with an outside flap. The flap hides and supports the relocated functions. (See Fig. 1, 2 and 3).

2. U.S. Patent No. 6,161,979 to Yamamoto, et. al. (2000). This patent discloses an organizer case with features attached on the outside hidden by a flap. The flap hides the relocated functions. (See Fig. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 18).
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,126,012 to Roegner (2000). This patent discloses a design for a carrying case with relocated functions that are hidden by a flap. The relocated functions are attached to the back panel of the carrying case. The flap hides a bi-folded multi-pocket. (See Figs. 2, 3 and 4, as discussed at column 4, line 20).
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,047,752 to Southwick (2000). This patent shows a handbag with an external compartment that zips closed (See Fig. 4). The compartment holds personal items such as a calculator, pens, cards, checkbook, etc.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,911,262 to Steinhart (1999). This patent discloses a handbag with functions mounted on a flap 30 and the flap being located to the exterior of the handbag and covered by a cover which is zipped close (See Figs. 3 and 4, and column 5).
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,713,616 to Knudson (1998). This patent discloses a flap that supports a zippered pocket. The flap also hides a number of pockets, which are located on the outside of the chamber. (See Figs. 1, 2 and 3).
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,489,021 to Wallingford (1996). This patent discloses an organizer case that has relocated standard functions to the outside. A flap hides the relocated functions and is secured by velcro. (See Figs. 1 and 2).
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,739,809 to Adams (1988). This patent discloses a handbag with functions relocated to the outside. Flaps cover the relocated functions and are secured by magnetic closures. (See Fig. 3).
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,687,036 to Thomas (1987). This patent discloses a handbag with a triangular flap closure (Fig. 3).
10. U.S. Patent No. 4,192,365 to Siegel (1980). This patent discloses an organizer handbag with pockets and compartments for carrying various items and accessories located on the outside. The pockets are hidden by a flap, which is secured by a snap fastener. (See Fig. 3).

11. U.S. Patent No. 2,333,523 to Cohun (1943). This patent discloses a loose-leaf binder and brief case. The flap section is releasably held closed by conventional snap fasteners **31**, one section of the snap fastener being secured to the lid section and the other member being secured to the flap section. (See Figure 3 and column 2, lines 40-44).

12. Fossil Organizer Product. This product discloses an organizer cover or carry bag including a cover flap **10**, a front pouch **12** mounted on a flap **14**. Flap **14** opens to reveal an organizer inside. The product also includes a rear zippered pouch **16**.

13. xhilation Handbag Product. This product includes a closure flap **10**, a rear pouch **12**, a front pouch **14**, a pocket **16**, and a flap **18**. Hook and loop fasteners **20** are used to secure closure flap **10** and flap **18**.

The references discussed above neither disclose nor suggest the inventive aspects of the invention claimed in the instant application. It is respectfully submitted that this application differentiates over the above and that the application is in condition for examination and early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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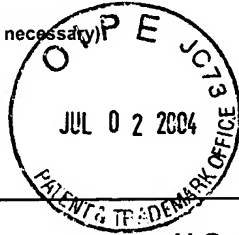
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